



BERNCo at a Glance

BernCo Backyard Farming Spring Series – Landscape for Life

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ZONING ADMINISTRATOR HEARING

Second Wednesday of month
Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2017
9 a.m.

BERNALILLO COUNTY COMMISSION MEETINGS

Zoning Meeting
Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2017
3 p.m.

Board of Finance Meeting
Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2017
4:30 p.m.

Administrative Meeting
Tuesday, Feb. 21, 2017
5 p.m.

*All meetings listed above
are held in the
Vincent E. Griego Chambers
in the basement of the
city/county
government building.*

*One Civic Plaza
Fifth Street
and Marquette NW,
unless indicated
otherwise*

BernCo Commission Selects Chair, Vice Chair



Debbie O'Malley, Chair

Commissioner Debbie O'Malley of District 1 was elected chair of the Bernalillo County Commission and newly-elected Commissioner Steven Michael Quezada of District 2 was elected vice chair. O'Malley and Quezada will serve as chair and vice chair for the 2017 calendar year. Each year, the County Commission elects a chair and vice chair at its first January meeting.



Steven Michael Quezada, Vice Chair

Tiny Home Village Project Moving Forward

It is a harsh fact that many people remain sleeping on the streets despite the array of available outreach and provider programs. An ad-hoc working group of volunteers has been meeting for over a year to engage in some preliminary thinking about what a tiny home village might look like in Albuquerque. The project's current proposal does not



offer unconditional housing. Instead, a holistic housing intervention will be proposed that will prioritize safe and dignified housing within a supported single-site community setting, and providing autonomy for the villagers and their reintegration into broader society.

Currently, BernCo is developing the Request for Proposal that will identify the scope of services, selection criteria and a project timeline for an

organization that would oversee the planning and development of the tiny home village site and operations project. Last November, voters approved a \$2 million general obligation bond to fund the development of the tiny home village project.

For questions or more information, please contact Kelly Sanchez with Bernalillo County at (505) 401-1705, Chris Sylvan with the City of Albuquerque at (505) 768-3136 or Ilse Biel at ilsebiel@icloud.com, or visit www.BernCo.gov/TinyHomeVillage.



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BERNALILLO COUNTY



WE'RE MORE THAN YOU THINK



Preparing the Soil

BernCo News and Project Updates

Los Padillas Community Center Extends Hours

BernCo's Parks and Recreation Department is pleased to offer significantly extended hours at Los Padillas Community Center and encourages students and young people to get involved. This popular South Valley community center is now open on weekends and has extended evening hours on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Get in shape for the new year at the Los Padillas fitness center, or take a Zumba class. The gymnasium is open for basketball and community members can take advantage of the computer lab at no cost.



The new hours are listed below:

Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, 7 a.m. - 7 p.m.

Tuesdays, 7 a.m. - 8:30 p.m.

Fridays, 7 a.m. - 10 p.m.

Saturdays 8 a.m. - 1 p.m., 6 p.m. - 10 p.m.

Sundays 1 p.m. - 5 p.m.

Los Padillas Community Center is located at 2117 Los Padillas Road SW.

Call (505) 468-7600 or visit www.bernco.gov/community-services/los-padillas.aspx for more information.

North Edith Property Update

A fourth planning meeting was recently held to discuss the new Parks and Recreation Department property on North Edith, locally known as the Sandia Ranch property. County staff updated the community on the clean-up of the site, which was completed by the end of January, and included removing all the structures except the well-head, and all non-native, dead and downed vegetation. The site will now be seeded with native grass seed and covered with a light layer of mulch. Once the security gates are installed where the Alameda Lateral enters and exits the property, community members will be welcome to walk the existing paths on either side of the ditch.



At this time, the county has committed \$50,000 of the 2016 government obligation bonds to develop a master plan, which will be kicked-off at a community meeting to be held on Sept. 20 at the North Valley Command Center, 6900 Fourth St. NW.

Community members present at the meetings have praised the property's clean-up and expressed excitement about participating further in the future development of the new Parks and Recreation facility.

Enjoy these BernCo Open Space Events

Register for these **FREE** events at

www.bernco.gov/openspace or call (505) 314-0398.

Backyard Farming Series:

An Introduction to Home-Scale Propagation of Vines, Shrubs, and Trees

Feb. 11 from 9 a.m.—Noon

Gutierrez-Hubbell House, 6029 Isleta Blvd. SW

Workshop will cover several different methods of plant propagation for the backyard gardener, using simple tools and techniques that can be mastered by everyone with hands and common sense. Explanation and demonstrations of the basics of both sexual and asexual propagation, with a discussion of the advantages and disadvantages of each approach. Methods covered include seed stratification, cloning with suckers, layering and cuttings, and a demonstration and explanation of simple grafting approaches. If there's time we'll also look at a few other techniques, such as stooling and coppicing.

High Tea on the Bosque in observance of Black History Month

Feb. 12 from 3—5 p.m.

Bachechi Open Space, 9521 Rio Grande Blvd. NW

An afternoon of live performances, visual art and hands-on art activities for the whole family. Event will feature: Aziza Murray, Sina Soul, Wild Humans, Ebony Booth, Quilt Lady. Refreshments provided by Trinity's Custom Dessert Studio.

Rose Talk with ABQ Rose Society

Feb. 25 from 9—10:30 a.m.

Bachechi Open Space, 9521 Rio Grande Blvd. NW

Roses bring beauty and elegance to Albuquerque and have a long tradition in the city. John Luceros and Andy Core from the Albuquerque Rose Society will lead a presentation on the best roses to select for this area, how to care for roses so they will thrive in your landscape, and the dos and don'ts of rose maintenance.

Traditional Music: The Roots of New Mexico Culture

Feb. 26 from 1—2:30 p.m.

Gutierrez-Hubbell House, 6029 Isleta Blvd. SW

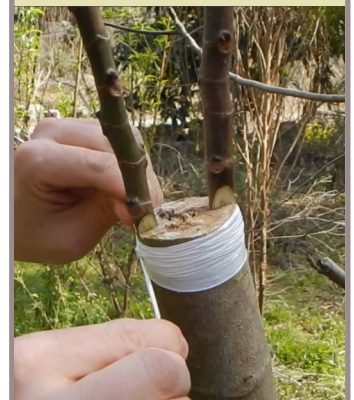
Don Francisco takes us on a musical journey, with violin and guitar accompaniment, that will span the 18th century through the early 19th century. In a narrative format, Don Francisco depicts the anticipation of an upcoming musical event, such as a fiesta or wedding celebration. We will be carried back in time to imagine the ambiance of early Spanish village social life and all the preparations for such a celebration. The music features Valses, Polkas, Cunas, Varsovianas, and other special dances such as El Valse de los Paños, y Valse del Escoba, La Raspa, etc., hopefully to stir nostalgia and bring back many memories of our grandparents and great-grandparents.

Mindfulness in Nature with Mollie Parsons

Feb. 26 from 1—3 p.m.

Bachechi Open Space, 9521 Rio Grande Blvd. NW

Take time out of your busy life to slow down and observe the wonder around you. It is easy to allow life to slip by and lose touch if you don't make the time and space to nourish the soul and mind—what better way than through nature. Featured speaker Mollie Parsons will kick off a Mindfulness in Nature Series at Bachechi introducing skills and techniques for quieting the mind, deepening observations and understanding nature around you.



Tree Grafting

Rio Bravo Facilities Master Plan Public Meeting**Wednesday, Feb. 8 beginning at 6 p.m.****Rio Bravo Meal Site, 3910 Isleta Blvd. SW**

Discussion about the master planning, design and construction of improvements to South Valley Pool, South Valley Skate Park, Rio Bravo Park and South Valley Little League facilities.

Sunset Road Reconstruction Project Public Meeting**Monday, Feb. 13 beginning at 6 p.m.****South Valley Multi-Purpose Senior Center, 2008 Larrazolo Road SW**

Discussions about the near-final design plans for the reconstruction of the roadway and the improvements for pedestrian/multi-modal accommodations, signage, and drainage. All roadway intersections along the project's length will also be redesigned. Construction is scheduled to begin by late summer. The project is located along Sunset Road SW between Goff and Bridge Boulevards SW. The project length is approximately one mile.

**Public Hearing for the Liquor License Application
of SCS Beverage, Inc. d/b/a 7 Eleven Food Store
#57735**
Thursday, Feb. 16 beginning at 9 a.m.**BernCo Compliance Office, 415 Tijeras Ave. NW, 1st Floor**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing shall be conducted for the purpose of considering the application of SCS Beverage, Inc. d/b/a 7 Eleven Food Store #57735, for Transfer of Dispenser-Type Liquor License Application #1025670 at proposed location 4321 Coors Blvd. SW, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87121.

Hearing Officer, Robert Kidd will conduct the hearing. For further information, please call (505) 468-1382.

**Paradise Hills Mobility Study and Master Plan Public Meeting****Wednesday, Feb. 22 beginning at 6 p.m.****Paradise Hills Community Center, 5901 Paradise Blvd. NW**

Discussion about the planning, design and construction of improvements to the Paradise Hills Community Center, Paradise Hills Park and Park Lane, including parking, Rx Prescription Walk/Trail, outdoor stage area, recreation improvements and site amenities.

Please join BernCo at these public meetings and at the public hearing to share your comments and concerns, and to give your input about these projects.